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BOOK REVIEW

DISEASES OF THE SKIN. A Handbook of Dermatology for Practitioners and Students. By S. Ernest Dore, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., and John L. Franklin, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. London. Pp. xii + 410. 46 Plates. Price 10s. 6d. Cassell & Co. Ltd., 1934.

THE authors state it was their intention originally to revise the well-known text-book, "Diseases of the Skin," by the late Sir Malcolm Morris, which had been allowed to go out of print for some years; but, as the revision progressed, they found so much fresh matter had to be introduced that the book had become virtually a new one. Though smaller than the original work, it is a complete text-book of diseases of the skin, and is suitable for students and practitioners.

The book opens with chapters on the structure and function of the skin, which are as clear as is the following chapter on diagnosis. We regard the advice as to treatment as deserving commendation.

The only criticisms we make are, that in the diagnosis and treatment of Ulcus Molle the omission of Dmelcos vaccine is serious, and the statement that in the female the labia majora and minora are the most frequent sites for primary sores is regrettable. We consider the commonest sites are on the cervix, in the cervical canal or in the uterus itself. The majority of the lesions of the female external genitals which are diagnosed as primary chancre are really ulcerated secondary papules.

The book is moderate in size and price.

The black and white illustrations are good.

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